

## **CONCEPT NOTE:**

**Project Title:** Community Environment Education for Sustainable Development, through networking of Grassroots Level NGOs and schools in Dharani, Andhra Pradesh, INDIA

### **Stakeholders/ Partners in the Project:**

10 NGOs

100 schools (each NGO - 10 schools.)

10000 students (each School 100 students)

100 villages locally elected bodies (Gram Panchayat).

20,000 farmers (each village- 200 farmers)

100,000 Population to benefited directly and indirectly.

### **Project Location:**

The project shall be implemented in 100 villages of Andhra Pradesh through a network of 10 NGOs and 100 schools. The blocks and the villages shall be selected by the respective NGOs.

**Project Duration:** 3 years.

### **Background of the project:**

Today we see and experience of various untimely and unruly behavior of nature in form of natural disasters, like Tsunami, earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, happening everywhere and the frequency is also increasing. The global temperatures are also increasing. Particularly the population in the tropical and sub-equatorial regions are most affected, since it is here that the occurrences of drought is also more and there is hardly any water to drink as well. This happens because of uneven amount of rainfall. The population in Andhra Pradesh is experience, we can see that one district is affected by floods, but just the neighboring district is facing from drought.

Therefore there is growing need of coming together to fight for preserving our mother earth. PRDS have planned to connect 10 NGOs and around 100 schools, 100 gram panchayats through this project.

To address this issue in 2003-04 PRDS had invited 50 NGOs to express this issue, we got replies from 9 NGOs. So PRDS would be working with these 9 NGOs and as well PRDS would be working as one of the NGOs in the action programmes, hence 10 NGOs will be active in the project.

### **Project Goal:**

To establish a natural system in 100 villages of Andhra Pradesh so that 100,000 population can live in a sustainable environment where each natural resource (including human being) is depended on each other, through a sustainable networking process of NGOs and Schools.

## **Project Objectives:**

1. To educate around 10000 students about environment and how to preserve environment and make all 100 schools as green schools.
2. To make 20000 farmers aware about environment.
3. To involve 100 gram panchayat bodies and make them aware about different government schemes for environment preservation.

## **Project Activities:**

### **A Activities to be conducted by each NGO.**

#### **1. Initial meetings with head masters and teachers of schools**

#### **2 Teachers' meeting:**

There shall be 4 meetings per year to review the work done by each school.

#### **3 Teachers Training:**

From each school 2 teachers shall be trained in environment and how to give environment education.

#### **4 Students' Awareness Programmes:**

The trained teachers will conduct the 2 student's awareness camps per year. It is expected that each school covers around 100 students in each year.

#### **5 School Activities**

##### **5.1 Competitions :**

In one year only one competition is proposed to be conducted. The issues will be

Best essay on global warming, climate change and water resources.

Best drawing on global warming, climate change and water resources.

##### **5.3 Plantation of Trees:**

Each school shall be planting around 1000 saplings in its campus. If the space is not available then the school shall plant with gram panchayat permission in the village fallow land. It is desired that some labour contribution shall be done by the local farmers.

#### **6 Parent- teacher children gathering**

#### **7 Training of Student Environment Groups:**

From each school 1 student shall be taken who is expert and they will be comprised as Students Environment Group.

#### **8 Exposure Trips of 20 schools:**

Each School shall take a exposure trip to the nearest sanctuary.

#### **9 Exhibition of Visual displays**

#### **10 Awareness and Training of Gram Panchayat Bodies:**

It is expected that all the 100 gram panchayat bodies shall be participating in this programme. They shall be made aware about the government schemes which they can get for actually doing environment preservation activities.

#### **11 Evaluation:**

Each NGO is expected to evaluate the project through external agency as agreed by both NGOs and PRDS.

### **A PRDS Programmes**

1 Orientation Meeting of all 9 NGOs

2 Training of Social Workers

3 Seminars on Global Warming, Climate Security , etc

**Expected Outcome:**

1. Approximately 200 hectare (*it is expected that in each 1 guntha (1000 sq.ft) on an average 5 saplings, depending on the variety are planted, so if in one hectare =100 guntha , then in 1 hectare 500 saplings shall be planted, therefore each school will cover 2 hectare of land, thus 100 schools will cover 200 hectare of land*) of land shall be covered with plantations helping to maintain the equilibrium in the environment.
2. After 5-7 years from the plantation of these trees the farmers on whose land the saplings shall be planted shall be able to earn from it. They can also use the trees for building purpose and the women can use the dry branches of these trees as firewood.
3. The teachers shall be developed as permanent teachers who shall teach, train and make aware their students all through their life.
4. The students who shall be made aware and trained shall know the importance of environment right from their childhood and they shall be able to promote and pass on the environment-oriented activities into the community all through their life.

**Sustainability of the Project**

The sustainability of the project shall be achieved through the following strategies.

1. An environment fund shall be developed in every school
2. In the environment fund the schools, parents shall contribute
3. Since the schoolteachers shall be developed as environment teachers they shall continue to educate, train and make aware their students all thorough their life.
4. The students from the 100 schools shall be developed as environment workers who will continue to work all through their life to make the community aware about the environment issues.

**Tentative Budget:**

Total Project Cost	1,13,01,000
Local/ NGO Contribution	0,17,77,000
Requested	0,95,24,000